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DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING STARTS ON MONDAY

HKVDC Has Last Gathering REGISTRATION OF ALL CITIZENS

Recruiting for the new Hong Kong Defence Force will commence on Monday, February 14, at five centres, three in Hong Kong and two in Kowloon, but the Force will not formally come into being until March 1.

Simultaneously with recruiting for the Defence Force, there will be voluntary registration of all citizens, both men and women, for non-combatant duty, as an auxiliary of the HKDF.

This announcement was made by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at a dinner held by the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at the China Fleet Club yesterday evening. It was the Corps' last meeting before its disbandment at the end of the month.

About 300 members of the Corps attended the dinner, which was presided over by the Commandant, Colonel L. T. Ride.

Extending a welcome to the Governor, who in Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps, Lieutenant Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell reviewed the 29-year history of the Corps and the part it played in the 1932 and 1935 strikes and again in the anti-Japanese riots of 1931.

He emphasised that though the Corps' chief role was to preserve the internal security of the Colony, it was nevertheless preparing to defend Hong Kong against a first-class Asiatic power, and when the time came, it acquitted itself with a courage and loyalty that elicited widespread admiration.

**More Decorations
Expected**

Out of 47 decorations granted to the entire garrison for the defence of Hong Kong, 24 went to the HKVDC, and more were expected. The Corps suffered the highest percentage of casualties. It lost nine officers and 209 other ranks, not including those who died in the prison camps.

"The HKVDC, I am sad to say, is now on its deathbed," said Colonel Mitchell, "but it will not be forgotten. Very soon we shall say 'the HKVDC is dead, long live the Hong Kong Regiment'."

"Let us hope that our traditions will be passed on to our successors, such as our motto, and our old colours which I hope will be re-presented."

In memory of those members of the Corps who died in the defence of Hong Kong, the gathering stood in silence for two minutes, after which a toast was drunk to the Corps.

Sir Alexander Grantham was greeted with loud cheers when he rose to address the Corps. He said:

End Of An Era

"This evening is rather like a New Year's Eve party at the end of a century, where we say goodbye to the old century—the Hong Kong Defence Force, because on Monday recruiting will start for the Defence Force."

"But although recruiting is going to start on Monday, the HKVDC and the HKVNC will remain in being until the end of the month, and the new Force will not formally come into being until the same date."

"The reason for that is the preliminaries of recruiting—setting up of forms, medical examinations, and so on, take a little bit of time. And when the existing Volunteer organisation is to be disbanded at the same time as the new Force comes into existence, we would have no Volunteer organisation at all, nor would we have anybody on the register for the Forces."

"Therefore, it is proposed that at the end of the month the existing Volunteer Ordinance should be rescinded and the new Defence Ordinance shall come into effect."

"There has been a great deal of correspondence in the papers recently about what is to happen to the Hong Kong Defence Force. It is precisely what Colonel Mitchell has just described—the rôle of the former County Councils of the Colony, their County Councils, and their County Councils with them."

"I hope that the majority of those who come forward will join the HKDF but there may be some who for one reason or another are unable or unwilling to do so at this juncture. What we ask them to do is to register, say what their qualifications are, and that they are prepared to assist should an emergency arise."

"They can be reprieved upon to deal with any ordinary disturbance. But in the event of serious trouble, riots, and so on, they will need assistance. And first and foremost they will look to the HKDF for that assistance."

"As you know, there is to be a component of the Force called the Auxiliaries. One wing of that of that component is the Home Guard Wing. You can well imagine that the members of the Home Guard will be extremely valuable in guarding important strategic posts which will therefore be the regular police for other urgent duties."

"Then in the event of such trouble we have got to ensure that the essential services are kept working."

"In addition we shall need special constables. Whether we should have a special constabulary force or whether they should form part of the Essential Services Wing, has still to be worked out."

"The Auxiliaries of the Hong Kong Defence Force are a non-combatant part of the new force. If things get worse, and the police and the auxiliaries feel they cannot deal with the situation alone, then the combatant components of the HKDF will be called in to assist."

"That, then, will be the prime and main function of the Hong Kong Defence Force. Internal security in Hong Kong is extremely important."

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Force**

"You, gentlemen, I hope, will join the HKDF because you old timers will be the steel framework of the new force."

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PICTURE OF THE DAY
A Fair Cob!

NEW HOTEL RATES TO BECOME LAW Few Surprises

Adhering closely to the recommendations of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee, an Hotels Ordinance to control rates for hotel accommodation and service had its first reading at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday.

The regulations in the Ordinance will apply to Hong Kong residents and to only 24 hotels in the Colony. Chinese hotels and boarding houses, catering essentially for Chinese guests, are to be excluded from control.

Tourists and transient guests are not protected in the new Ordinance.

Government has apparently also accepted the Committee's opinion that the Paramount and Cathay hotels should not be brought under control as "they are in the nature of luxury hotels, essentially catering for wealthy Chinese." The two hotels are not included in the list attached to the Ordinance.

Moving the first reading of the Ordinance yesterday, Mr. J. B. Griffin, Attorney-General, said that the Bill has a twofold objective. It seeks to provide ordinary legislation to enable measures to be imposed on hotels in respect of accommodation and charges by a way of legislation enacted by the Legislative Council rather than by perpetuation of the system of control by Defence.

The legislation, he added, will meet the desire which has been voiced in the Council that the law of the Colony should in time of peace only consist of the legislation of the Council, legislation by Defence or Emergency Regulations being avoided.

The second objective is to enable control by way, for instance, of enforcing a reservation of classes of guests being a type of control which could not legally be provided for by Defence Regulations. The Bill, he said, is largely an enabling measure.

According to the Regulations a "Hong Kong resident" is a person who has been declared in writing by the Quartering Authority to be one whom he believes is a resident of Hong Kong.

The declaration must be written on a prescribed form, which may be completed in advance of a person's arrival on the request of his employer or by his authorised agent.

"Maximum capacity" is defined in the Regulations as the maximum number of persons who may be accommodated in the respective type of room mentioned in the Second Schedule. In the Regulations.

Hotel managements shall not allow any private room to be occupied by more than its maximum capacity. Additional charges for children less than 10 years shall not exceed half the rate paid by an adult. No additional charge shall be made for accommodation of a child less than three years of age where neither bed nor bedding is supplied by the hotel.

The Penalties

He added that in so far as criticism has not already been met by the form of the Bill and Regulations, effect could of course be given to criticisms by amendment of the Bill or Regulations.

Mr. Griffin said that representations from several sources have been received by Government regarding certain of the recommendations of the Committee. They have been received during the last few days and are being studied.

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Arbitration Of Disputes

The Quartering Authority shall not make a declaration that a person is a Hong Kong resident unless he is satisfied that the person has resided in Hong Kong for a consecutive period of not less than six months before making such a declaration, or if the period in which he resided in the Colony before making the declaration, combined with the period he intends to stay agreeable to six months.

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Chinese Turned Back From Siam

Bangkok, February 9. Siamese immigration officials said that during January, more than 300 would be Chinese immigrants without properly issued passports returned from Siam to Chinese ports.

They said most of these returned to Swatow or Hainan.

The action was taken during the first month of the enforcement of new immigration regulations, including the reduction of the Chinese immigration quota from 10,000 in 1948 to 2,000 for this year.

The Immigration Department said 140 of this year's 200 Chinese immigrants quota has already been filled and the Indian quota of 200 for 1949 was already filled.

Associated Press.

Reds Mass On Yangtze

Shanghai, February 9.

The first major Communist bid to cross the Yangtze from South West of Nanjing, as General Chen Yi's Communist armies poured into the region North of the river opposite Huhu in considerable strength, Nationalist military sources here reported.

The source said that the Communist movement may be the prelude to large-scale crossing attempts along a 120-mile stretch of the river between Hoshien in Eastern Anhwei and Yuki, which is studded with little sand islands besides being extremely shallow and narrow.

Nationalist authorities are said to have intensified day and night patrolling of this sector of the river, where they claimed to have captured more than 30 Communist wooden boats on Monday.

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More U.S. Marines Leave China

Shanghai, February 9.

Whether for reasons of economy or policy it is now clear the United States will radically reduce the strength of her armed force in China.

Two troop transports with 1,600 U.S. Marines aboard, left Tsingtao yesterday. Some of them were bound for San Diego, California.

Steel Framework

The departure leaves only one battalion of U.S. Marines Tsingtao.

Withdrawal of 1,600 Tsingtao marines from China on January 8 cut combat forces roughly to two marine battalions, one at Tsingtao afloat and one at Shanghai, also afloat.

They remain afloat because in

that they infringe less on the sovereignty of China than when ashore. Also they are more mobile.

More Reductions Coming

Further reductions are certain. Vice Admiral Oscar Badger said recently the navy's port facility personnel stationed at Shanghai is to be sharply cut because there is no longer need for them. A good deal of port facilities work was handling supplies for the advisory group, which is now gone.

The Navy in Shanghai

comprises a sizeable force of cruisers, destroyers, destroyers, command ships, and hospital ships.

Sometimes during naval manoeuvres elsewhere this force dwindles to a fraction of that strength. Most of it is based at Tsingtao, but there is usually one cruiser at Shanghai, sometimes a destroyer or two and an occasional command ship.

American nationals who feed their safety may one day soon depend on the amount or naval strength in these waters are not too worried about withdrawal of the marines since reinforcements at Guam and Okinawa are only a couple days steaming away, for practical purposes as close as Shanghai is to Tsingtao.

It is learned that an effort is being made by the local British community to provide

Shi-William with a rough estimate of the present British

state in Shanghai.

Strang In Shanghai

Shanghai, February 9.

Sir William Strang, new British Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, arrived here today in the course of a survey of British Interests in the Far East.

Among others he had talks

with the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson,

who made a special air trip from Nanking for the purpose.

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According to the contents of the Bill, the Governor is given power to appoint any person to be the Quartering Authority for the purpose of the Ordinance.

The Quartering Authority may

make regulations to control hotel

accommodation and charges for

hotel services. All the regulations

he makes must, however, be

submitted to the Governor and

will only come into force after

being approved by resolution of the Legislative Council.

The Bill provides penalties for

contraventions of any of the

regulations made under the

Ordinance. A maximum prison

sentence of six months and a

maximum fine of HK\$1,000 are

included in the Bill.

The Bill also provides for re-

pealing of the Price Control

(Control of Charges)

of the Ordinance.

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WAR DAMAGED SITES RECOMMENDATIONS

MYSTERY OF THE STOWAWAYS

The report of the War Damaged Sites Committee, its recommendations and a draft War Damaged Sites Ordinance, 1949, were among the papers laid on the table at yesterday's Legislative Council meeting.

The Ordinance has been drafted to facilitate the clearance of war damaged sites, to provide for the recovery of the cost thereof, and for the sale of sites where required.

The object of the Ordinance is to provide some standard procedure to carry out site clearance and to shorten the period which must elapse before a power of sale can be exercised in the case of an owner who is unwilling or unable himself to effect the desired improvement.

The Bill provides that a mortgagee in possession or other persons who are in the said possession of the lessor, although they hold no lease, shall be deemed to be the owners. The definition of war damage is widely drawn to include damage not the direct result of hostilities.

When a site has been declared a "war damaged site," the Director of Public Works may require the owner to state on a prescribed form what he intends to do with regard to site clearance.

If site clearance is not carried out within six weeks, and none of the other alternative courses for is accepted by the owner, the Director may, under clause 4 of the proposed Ordinance, enter upon the site and carry out the work.

Certificate Of Cost

Clause 5 of the draft Ordinance provides for a certificate of the cost of site clearance and for a supervision charge to be included which will, it is hoped, both recoup the Public Works Department for the employment of staff necessary to exercise supervision, and encourage owners from automatically leaving all responsibility with the Department.

It is provided that this certificate can be registered as a charge against the land, and that a sale for value of the property may be refused registration by the Land Officer unless satisfactory provision is made for paying off the charge. It is provided that an owner shall only be liable for such a charge up to the value of his land, and it is not therefore envisaged that recovery of these sums should normally be effected by action in the Courts.

Under the proviso to clause 5 amounts received from the sale of, usable material removed from the site will be allowed as a reduction from the cost of clearance.

Clause 6 provides that the Director may require an owner to state his intentions with regard to compliance with his covenant to maintain and repair, and if no satisfactory arrangement is reached then the Crown will re-enter in the lease after which event a notification can be published in the Gazette of the intention to sell by public auction.

It is provided that on the expiration of a month from the publication of such Gazette notice a sale of the property by public auction may take place.

Appeal Provided

Upon such sale the purchaser could be required to enter into a covenant to develop the property. The Crown will be responsible to refund to the owner the price received at public auction less charges and expenses properly incurred.

Under the Crown Rights (Re-entry) Ordinance, 1970, a petition for relief against re-entry may be presented by a lessor, either to the Court or the Governor-Council.

It is considered desirable that express power should be given to order a sale by auction. In such event the realised price, less charges and expenses, will be refunded to the owner.

Clauses 9 and 10 are provisions for appeal to the Governor-Council available for any person who considers his case of hardship or that a discretion under the Ordinance has been unfairly or unwisely exercised, and follow precedents to be found in the Buildings Ordinance, 1935, and other standard forms.

Clause 12 provides a moderate penalty for interference with or obstruction of the Director's agents effecting site clearance and clause 14 is a saving clause widely drawn to obviate the Ordinance ruling out contractual or other rights or remedies already available to the Crown or private persons.

Recommendations Of Committee

The proposed Ordinance complies with and is in furtherance of the recommendations of the War Damaged Sites Committee, in consultation with which the Ordinance was drafted.

Further recommendations of the Committee are that Crown lessees should now be called on to carry out their covenants to maintain and repair. In view of the fact that acceptance of rent where there is a knowledge of the Crown's failure to fulfil such covenants may be considered to have such an effect on the value of the property for which rents are accepted, the instructions referred to the Accountant-General are to refuse to accept rent in such case to be confirmed.

POSED AS POLICEMAN

How an ex-policeman, posing as a policeman, demanded HK\$50 and obtained a wrist watch as a bribe from an opium divan keeper was described at Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court at Kowloon yesterday.

Fung Ngok, ex-PC 1625 and Cheung On, were charged with demanding money with menace and indecency. Cheng was also charged with taking and abetting

the imposition of of a supervision charge dependent approximately on the amount of work performed. In each case but the Public Works Department said that this charge should be added to the cost of clearing the site.

Power Of Sale

The power of sale shall be exercisable one month after notice of intention to exercise such power has been published in the Gazette unless any cost incurred in clearance is paid and unless sufficient indication is given by a Crown Lessee of his intention to re-develop.

That in order to avoid hardship it is necessary to permit an owner to apply at his option to the Supreme Court or the Governor-In-Council, whereupon such power of sale shall be suspended until determination of such application and that consequential amendments are necessary to the Crown Rights (Re-entry) Ordinance, 1970, which amendments shall only apply to sites declared to be war damaged sites within the meaning of the suggested legislation.

MR. GRIMWOOD HONORED

A dinner in honour of Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, London Agent of the Hong Kong Government was given last night by the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce at its Chamber Hall, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

Mr. U Tat-chee, Vice-chairman of the Chamber said.

"A few of us have already met Mr. Grimwood in London and in Hong Kong since his arrival here. I need not say what Mr. Grimwood did for the Hong Kong delegates in London last year. He has in the past rendered invaluable services for the promotion of Hong Kong industries and trade on behalf of the Hong Kong Government.

"Not only has he given his assistance in official matters, but is always ready to give a helping hand to general commercial activity.

"I am proud to tell Mr. Grimwood that the six delegates who went to the BIE last year were members of this Association, and our Chairman, Mr. Robert Der, and two Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Wong Hon Chung and myself, were among the delegates representing our Association, as well as the Chinese Manufacturers' Union. The Chamber has a membership of more than 2000 and we have as our members about 28 important industrial guild associations under us."

Mr. Grimwood's reply follows: "This evening has been of great value to me since I have heard much of the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce and its most useful activities. The list of affiliated bodies is undoubtedly an impressive one, and I would urge you to extend this even more in order that your Association may speak for the Chinese Manufacturers and Merchants with one voice."

"A group of merchants operating individually can seldom obtain the best markets for their products or attain the mantle of integrity which accompanies a properly organised Chamber of Commerce. You have taken this first step towards an international reputation for integrity. Continue to build upon this and make sure that the goods and services which you offer are always of the finest quality."

No Opium Smoker

A well-dressed Chinese woman was among 14 persons arrested in a raid on an opium den in an unnumbered hut in Tai Yuen Street by the Narcotic Squad of Eastern Division on Tuesday night.

Brought before Mr. H. K. Almada yesterday, the keeper pleaded guilty. The keeper was Shun Sun, and his 12 patrons given six months and the rest a fine of \$15 or 10 days.

The woman pleaded that she was not a smoker. She was on the premises, she said, to see her husband, one of the 12 arrested, for him.

Accepting the plea, Inspector Mackay said it was unusual for such a respectable woman to be found in an opium den.

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(By Our Harbour Reporter)

The report that four stowaways, claiming to be Chinese newspapermen bound for Dandong to open a news agency there, were discovered aboard the ss San Antonio and landed at Yuen Shan, North Korea, was met with firm rebuttal yesterday.

"I do not know anything about it," said Mr. J. J. Johnson, the master of the Panamanian steamer, on his arrival here from the North.

An official of the Tung Wei

Development Company, who was one of the 12 passengers travelling with the vessel on her maiden trip to North Korean waters, replied to inquiries: "I am sorry, I cannot say anything about it. He denied there were any stowaways aboard the ss San Antonio en route to Korea.

One day after leaving Hong Kong on December 7 last four Chinese not on the passenger list were discovered aboard, a senior member of the vessel's Compradore Department said yesterday, quoting from a diary.

The San Antonio originally left the Colony on December 5 with 700 tons of cargo, including penicillin, three sponge cars, three trucks, a jeep and two weapon carriers. Near Swatow, her Norwegian chief engineer lost his life when his cabin caught fire. The ship returned to port and left again after the funeral of Mr. W. Tollesund at the Colonial Cemetery.

"We reached Bungam first and had to wait for three days before a Korean doctor, an Army official and civilian representatives of the North Korean Government Purchasing Agency boarded our ship yesterday.

Mr. Jean Joseph Pennavare, merchant, 38 Mody Road, and Miss Odette Georges Vallardon. Witnesses were Mr. Fleury, Chen and Mr. Blau, Mr. Robert Bryle, Chinese Maritime Customs, 60 Avenue Republica, Macao, and Mrs. Alla Nicolson, 22 Rue Paul Henry, Shanghai.

Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Close.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Sub-Inspector Basil William David Hitchcock, and Miss Gloria Elizabeth Rosemarie Grant, stenographer, Police Headquarters.

The following marriages took place at the Registrar's Office yesterday.

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Witnesses were Mr. Fleury, Chen and Mr. Blau, Mr. Robert Bryle, Chinese Maritime Customs, 60 Avenue Republica, Macao, and Mrs. Alla Nicolson, 22 Rue Paul Henry, Shanghai.

They gave us 200 tons of opium, 50 tons of ammonium chloride and a quantity of salt fish.

From that port, the San Antonio returned to Yuen Shan to pick up the company's official who landed there on the first visit.

At both ports, none of the ship's personnel was allowed to land, the senior official stated.

"We could not talk too much with the labourers who came aboard to work. A labourer would first assure himself that he would not be observed by strange eyes before he would speak to any of our men," he said.

The enterprise was estimated to amount to about HK\$1,000,000, inclusive of all expenses.

"What we have brought down, however, would not at current conditions fetch more than HK\$100,000."

"We should have taken down soy beans, bristles and vermicilli which are in great demand here," he concluded.

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THE "STAR" FERRY
COMPANY, LIMITEDNOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
ORDINARY YEARLY MEET-
ING.

Notice is hereby given that the
Forty-seventh Ordinary
Meeting of the Members of the
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder
Street, Hong Kong, on Monday,
the 28th day of February, 1940,
at Noon, to transact the follow-
ing business:—

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
- To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
- To elect two Directors.

- To appoint Auditors.
- CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books and Register of
Members will be closed from the
14th February, 1949, to the
28th February, 1949, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's
name.

We, India General Navigation
& Rly. Co., Ltd., of 4, Fairlie
Place, Calcutta 1, hereby give
notice that in consequence of
change of ownership, we have
applied to the Minister of
Transport, under Section 47 of
the Merchant Shipping Act,
1884, in respect of the steamship
"WA HING" of Hong Kong
Registry Official Number 181-
262 Gross tonnage 558 tons, hereto-
fore owned by TA HING CO.,
(HONGKONG) LTD., ST. GEORGE'S
BUILDING, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG
for permission to change her
name to Mumtaz and to have
her registered in the new name
at the Port of HONG KONG as
owned by The India General
Navigation & Railway Co., Ltd.

Further particulars and
permission to view may be
obtained from the Engineer
Superintendent, Government
Slipway, Yau Ma Tei.

The successful tenderer will
be required to pay the purchase
money at the Marine
Department within forty-eight
hours of being advised of the
acceptance of the tender and
to remove the vessel from the
above premises within twenty-
four hours after the payment
of the purchase money.

The Acting Director of
Marine does not bind himself
to accept the Highest or any
tender.

Dated at HONG KONG the
7th day of February, 1949, The
India General Navigation &
Railway Company Limited.

Neither the highest, nor any
tender will necessarily be
accepted.

K. ASHDOWN, Commissioner of Customs,
Kowloon and District.

India General Navigation & Railway
Co., Ltd.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Fifty-sixth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the Offices of
the Company, Exchange Building,
Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong
Kong, on Friday, 4th March, 1949,
at NOON for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Board of Directors together
with a Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st December,
1948 and to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Friday, 18th February, 1949, to
Friday, 4th March, 1949, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 5, 1949.

HONG KONG CRICKET
CLUBCOLONY TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries for the Singles and
Doubles Tennis Championships
close at 5 p.m. on 11th February.

A few copies of the H.K.C.
Year Book are still available at
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On View from Thursday, the
10th, February 1949.

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Entries are obtainable
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UNIVERSITY OF
HONG KONGJUNIOR LECTURER IN
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Applications are invited for
the above post. The starting
pay is H.K. \$8,000 per annum
rising by annual increments of
H.K.\$400 to H.K.\$10,000 per
annum, with the possibility of
promotion to the scale \$11,200
with annual increments of \$400
to a maximum of \$19,040.
There is also a variable high
cost of living allowance which
at present is H.K.\$2,000 per
annum for the lower section of
the scale, and H.K.\$3,000 per
annum for the upper. The
Council of the University may
fix the starting pay by giving
increments above the minimum
according to the training and
qualifications of the selected
candidate.

Applications should possess an
Honours degree in Economics
and have University teaching
experience. A period of re-
search or study spent in a British
University will be an advantage.

Applications, with testimo-
nials, should be in the Registrar's
hands by March 14, 1949.

B. J. MELLOR
Registrar.

February 8, 1949.

MARINE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE NO. 5 OF 1949.

Tenders are invited for the
purchase of the motor junk
"Hung Sing Lee" as she lies at
the Government Slipway, Yau
Ma Tei.

Tenders should be sent to
the Acting Director of Marine
before noon on Wednesday the
16th of February, 1949. Tenders
should be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

Particulars:—

Length: 47' 0"

Breadth: 9' 1"

Capacity in piculs: 278

Engines: Two automobile gne-
lance engines.

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Superintendent, Government
Slipway, Yau Ma Tei.

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money at the Marine
Department within forty-eight
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above premises within twenty-
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K. ASHDOWN, Commissioner of Customs,
Kowloon and District.

India General Navigation & Railway
Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, Feb. 9, 1949.

THE BANK OF EAST
ASIA, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty-fifth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of this Company will be
held at the Registered Office
of the Company No. 10, Des
Voeux Road, Central, on Saturday,
the 12th February, 1949 at 2.30 p.m.
for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Board of Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st December,
1948 and to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the
Company will be closed from
Saturday, 5th February, 1949 to
Saturday, 12th February, 1949,
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer
of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,

K. TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, January 24, 1949.

HONG KONG KENNEL
CLUB.

Members are notified that a
talk on "Dogs & Dog Shows"
will be given by Mr. W. S. Hunt
at the roof-garden, Hong Kong
Hotel at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday
10th February.

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Indonesian Factions To Hold Conferences

RACIAL BARS TO BE LIFTED

Washington, February 8. The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee today unanimously approved legislation to repeal all racial bars to immigration into the United States.

The measure, which will be introduced into the House of

Representatives, will principally affect Asiatics, including Pakistanis, Koreans, Japanese, Malaysians, Indonesians, Negroes and Pacific

Islanders. Racial bars to Indians, Chinese and Filipinos already have been repealed.

The bill's sponsor, Representative Walter Judd, says the bill will enable 83,000 Asiatics at present in the United States to take out naturalization papers. He expects the House to act favourably on the measure.

Mr. Francis Walter, chairman of the House Judiciary sub-Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, said the bill will eliminate one of the major causes of friction in the Far East.—United Press.

GALES SWEEP PALESTINE

Tel-Aviv, February 8. Winter gales swept across the Holy Land today, damaging homes and uprooting trees in citrus groves.

Jerusalem was plagued by high winds. Roofs were blown off houses in the Holy City and torrential rains struck the coastal areas, causing further delays in loading ships in Tel-Aviv with Israel's fruit exports.

Heavy seas for the past week have created costly delays in citrus shipments.—United Press.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

M.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.22 p.m.—"From the Films."

1.00 p.m.—Chabert: Catillon—Ballot, London Philharmonic Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel" Albert Band and Jimi Court Orchestra with Tano Ferdinand (Tenor).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "The River Bandit" by Ellerton Trevor (BBC). Part 6: "The Battle for the Gullion."

6.30 p.m.—"Dem-Heure Française," Studio.

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—Waltzes from Theatrend.

7.30 p.m.—"Down Beat Discs" presented by Paul Stuart (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

8.10 p.m.—short Concert with Joan Harbinson (Soprano) as Soloist.

8.30 p.m.—Fred Harley and His Music (BBC).

8.45 p.m.—"Concerto" Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor Op. 41 (Chopin) Alfred Cortot (Piano) with Orch. Cond. by John Barbirolli.

9.15 p.m.—Book Review by Aileen Dekker (Studio).

9.30 p.m.—"Old Story of Binton Old" A Mystery Serial by Lester Powell, (BBC) Episode 6: "The Montparnasse."

10.00 p.m.—Studio News Reel, (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.18 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade" A Programme of Continuous Music.

10.45 p.m.—Dance to Joe Loss and His Orchestra.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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ANDERSON—At Queen Mary Hospital on Wednesday 9th February, 1940— to Janice, wife of William Summers Anderson, a daughter, SIRI-

THE SAME OLD STEAM-ROLLER

One thing is noteworthy in Soviet policy: once it has been formulated, no manner of rebuff can prevent it from running its prescribed course. The introduction of an already rejected disarmament resolution into the Security Council, coupled with a sharp attack on regional security programmes, falls into the same category as Stalin's famous imitation of a turtle dove a week ago and Molotov's almost simultaneous tirade bitterly condemning the Western powers. The Kremlin having decreed that a peace-offensive should be launched in an attempt to lull the West or alternatively provide propaganda material, it was to be expected that the forum of the Security Council would not be overlooked. None of this deceives the Western powers and they are not likely to be diverted from the course laid down after two years of vain efforts to find a satisfactory formula for amicable relations with Russia. The conclusion to which they must make their own plans and pursue them in areas where they still exert influence. Out of this conclusion has grown the projects of Marshall Auld, Government for Western Germany, a Council of Europe, and Atlantic Pact and President Truman's most recent announcement about aid for the undeveloped areas of the world. Against this structure, the Soviet tactics bore down upon the comic. In fact the only point of interest in them for the Western Powers is Stalin's purpose in fishing with an unbaited hook. Had there appeared to be anything resembling an offer which could have served as a basis for discussion, enormous difficulties would still stand in the way of agreement, especially over Germany. But no settlement could possibly be reached on the foundation of a general, lavish and hollow declaration of peaceful intent. It is one of the greatest tragedies of Soviet policy that its propaganda has emptied the great words of humanity, democracy, brotherhood, patriotism and peace of practically all meaning. The only way now in which confidence in Soviet intentions can be revived is by modest, concrete and painstaking efforts to restore point by point some of the meaning to these much abused terms. Meanwhile, the Western powers will continue undisturbed in their own efforts to consolidate security and expand the prosperity of the Western half.

STALIN MEDALS
WERE SHODDY

Grenadiers Guards, operating near Kufang, South of Kuala Lumpur, found a number of brass medals bearing the heads of Stalin and Lenin. It is not known if they were dropped by fleeing insurgents on February 4, it was learned to-day.

A Guards officer said they were of shoddy manufacture. The medals were about the size of a half-crown. Each had a chain and in its hollowed-out centre were intended for decorations. The chain consisted of two links. The number and name of the regiment were stamped on the reverse side.

By May 16, 1940, enemy armour had penetrated 60 miles through the gap left by the French Ninth Army now in dissolution. The French Seventh Army had retreated West of the Scheldt, and the Dutch High Command had given the cease-fire. The BEF, with the French First Army, had orders to withdraw to the Scheldt. Mr. Churchill went to Paris to get a clearer view of the crisis.

At about 3 p.m., I flew to

Paris in a "Flamingo" Government passenger plane, of which there were three. General Dill, Vice-Chief of the General Staff, came with me, and General Ismay. It was a good machine, very comfortable, and making about 100 miles an hour. As it was unarmed, an escort was provided, but we reached Le Bourget in little more than an hour.

From the moment we got out of the "Flamingo" it was obvious that the situation was incomparably worse than we had imagined. The officers who met us told General Ismay that the Germans were expected in Paris in a few days at most. After hearing at the Embassy about the position, I drove to the Quai d'Orsay, arriving at 5.30 o'clock. I was conducted into one of the fine rooms. Reynaud was there, Daladier, Minister of Defence and War, and General Gamelin. Everybody was standing. At no time did we sit down around a table. Utter

despair. What were we to think of the great French Army and its highest chiefs? It had never occurred to me that any commanders having to defend 600 miles of engaged front would have left themselves unprovided with a mass of manoeuvre. No one can defend with a wide front, but when the enemy has committed himself to a major thrust which breaks the line, one can manoeuvre, one must always have a mass of divisions which marches up in vehement counter-attack at the moment when the first fury of the offensive has spent its force.

What was the Maginot Line for? It should have economised troops upon a large sector of the frontier, not only offering many sallyports for local counter-strokes, but also enabling large forces to be held in reserve; and this is the only way these things can be done. But now there was no reserve. I admit this was one of the greatest surprises I have had in my life. Why had I not known more about it, even though I had been so busy at the Admiralty? Why had the British Government, and the War Office above all, not known more about it? It was no excuse that the French High Command would not impart their dispositions to us or to Lord Gort except in vague outline. We had a right to know. We ought to have insisted. Both armies were fighting in the line together.

Presently I asked General Gamelin what and where he proposed to attack the flanks of the Bulge. His reply was: "Inferiority of numbers; inferiority of method" — and then a hopeless

authority to move four more squadrons of fighters to France. On our return to the Embassy and also talking it over with Dill, I decided to risk a flight for the disposal of six more. This would leave us with only the 25 fighters squadrons at home, and that was the limit. It was a reading, I told General Ismay to telephone to London that the Cabinet should assemble at once, consider an urgent telegram which would be sent over in the course of the next hour or so. I did this in Hindustani, having previously arranged for an Indian Army to be standing by in my office. This was my telegram:

9 p.m., May 16, 1940.
I shall be glad if the Cabinet

could meet immediately to consider following situation grave in the last degree. Sudden German thrust through Sedan finds French Armies ill-

grouped, many in North; others in Alsace. At least four days required to bring 20 divisions to cover Paris and strike at the flanks of the Bulge, which is now 50 kilometres wide. Three [German] armoured divi-

sions with two or three infantry divisions have advanced through gap and large masses hurrying forward behind them. Two great dangers now threaten. First that BEF will be largely left in the air in taking no action to make a difficult disengagement and retreat to the old line. Secondly that the German thrust will wear down the French resistance before it can be fully gathered.

Orders given to defend Paris at all costs, but archives of the Quai d'Orsay already burning in the garden. I consider the next two, three or four days decisive for Paris and probably for the French Army. Therefore the question we must face is whether we can give further aid in fighters above our squadrons, for which the French are very grateful and whether a large part of our long-range heavy bombers should be employed to-morrow and the following nights upon the German masses crossing the Meuse and flowing into the Bulge. Even so results cannot be guaranteed, but the French resistance may be broken up as rapidly as that of Poland unless this battle of the Bulge is won.

I personally feel that we should send squadrons of fighters demanded (i.e., six more), to-morrow, and concentrating all available French and British aviation, dominate the air above the Bulge for the next two or three days, not for any local purpose, but to give the last chance to the French Army to rally its strength. It would not be good historically if their requests were denied and their ruin resulted. Also night bombardment by a strong force of heavy bombers can no doubt be arranged.

It looks as if the enemy was by now fully extended both in the air and tanks. We must not underestimate the increasing difficulties of his advance. If strongly counter-attacked, I imagine that it all fails. Hero we could still shift what is left of own air striking force to assist BEF should it be forced to withdraw.

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Two hundred electrical experts while a hotel electrician fixed their conference room lighting. Something like the frustration felt by an atomic lighter.

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It was vital that our metropolitan fighter air force should not be drawn out of Britain on any account. Our existence turned on this. Nevertheless, it was necessary to cut to the bone. In the morning before I started, the Cabinet had given me

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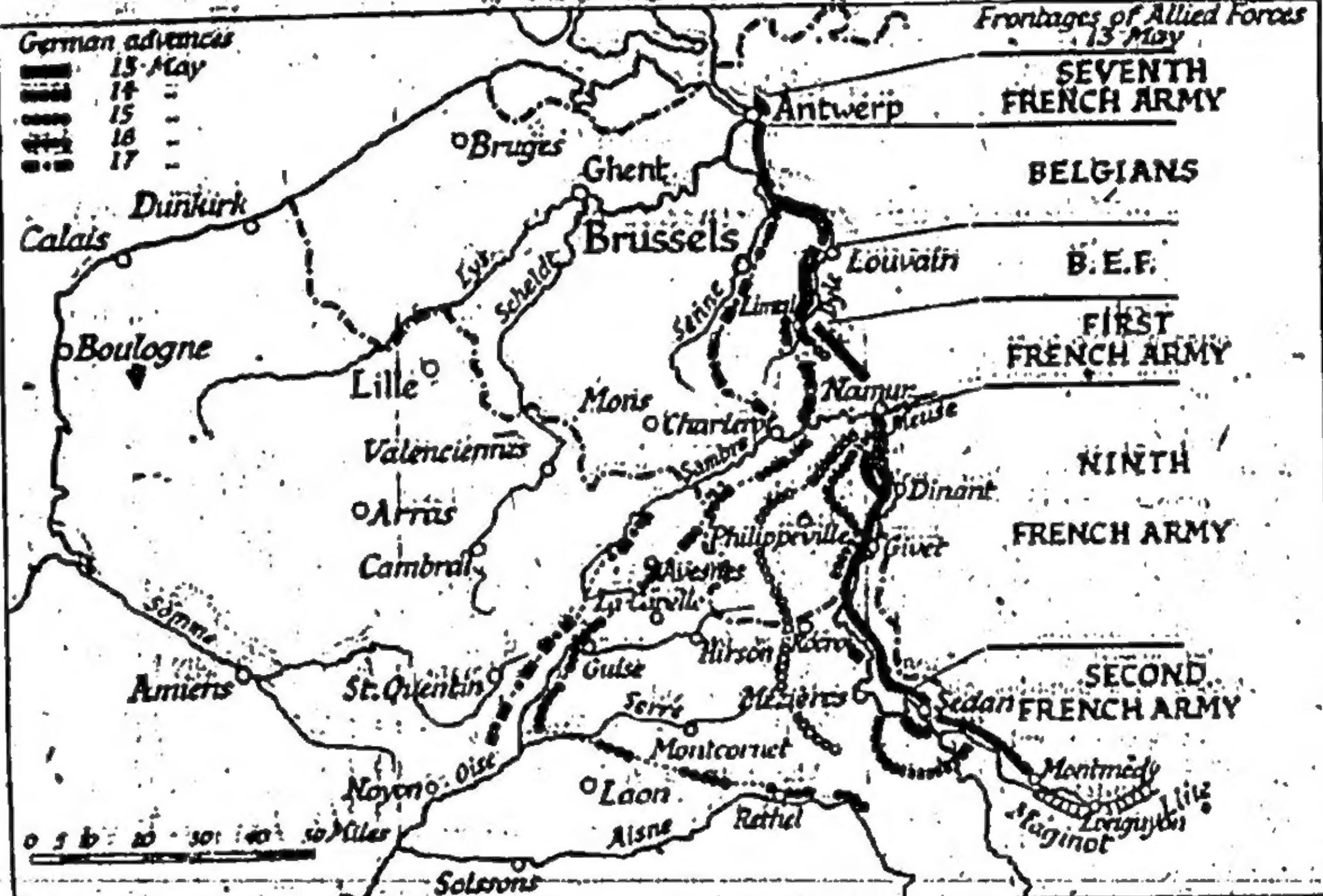
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GERMAN ADVANCES on successive days 13-17 May 1940

dejection was written on every face. In front of Gamelin, on a student's easel was a map; about two yards square, with a black line purporting to show the Allied front. In this line there was drawn a small but sinister bulge at Sedan.

The Commander-in-Chief briefly explained what had happened. North and South of Sedan, on a front of 50 or 60 miles, the Germans had broken through. The French Army, in front of them was destroyed or scattered. A heavy onrush of armoured vehicles was advancing with unheeded speed towards Arras and Amiens, with the intention, apparently, of reaching the coast at Abbeville on the 17th. Alternatively they might make for Paris. Behind the armour, he said, eight to 10 German divisions, all motorised, were driving onwards, making直擊 against the two disconnected French armies on either side.

The general talked perhaps five minutes without saying a word. Without stopping there was a considerable silence. I then asked: "Where is the strategic reserve?" and, breaking into French, which I used indifferently in every phrase: "Où est la masse de manœuvre?" General Gamelin turned to me and with a shake of the head and a shrug said: "Aucune."

There was another long pause. Oublié in the garden of the Quai d'Orsay clouds of smoke arose from large bonfires, and I saw from the window, venerable officials pushing wheelbarrows of archives on to them. Already, therefore, the evacuation of Paris was being prepared.

Part experience carried with him advantages and drawbacks that things never happen the same way again. Otherwise, I suppose life would be too easy. After all, we had often beaten front broken before, always we had been able to pull things together and we had done the same in the assault. But there were two new factors which had never been expected to have to face. The communication, the economy of the armoured vehicles, the secondly, NO STRATEGIC RE-

SCHEMING of the shoulders. There was no argument; there was no need of argument. And where were we, British, anyway; having regard to our tiny contribution? Six divisions, after eight months of war, and not even one modern tank division in action?

There was a considerable conversation around the principals, of which Mr. Reynaud had published a detailed record. I am represented as urging that there should be no withdrawal of the Northern Armies, that on the contrary they should counter-attack. Certainly this was my mood. But here was no considered military opinion. It must be remembered that this was the first realisation we had of the magnitude of the disaster of the apparent French demoralisation. We were not conducting the operations, and our army, which was only a tenth of the troops on the front, was serving under the French command.

I told the British officers with me we staggered at the evident conviction of the French Commanders-in-Chief and leading Ministers that all was lost, and in anything that I said, I was reacting violently against this. There is, however, no doubt that they were quite right, and that they were rapid, to the point, to the South was imperative. This soon became obvious to all.

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No, Dumb Dora, a totalitarian is not the chief executive of a Communist country.

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Me and my wife went to say goodbye to all their relatives and thank one and all for their kindness in leaving for South Africa. Alone at last.

According to a trade journal there has been no change in men's fashions for twenty years. This applies particularly to the pockets.

Lord Douglas asserted in the House of Lords that the forces in Hong Kong are insufficient for its defence. Never mind. Even if we can't

SITUATION IN EUROPE VASTLY ENCOURAGING, SAYS DEAN ACHESON

AFRICAN SELLING OF GOLD

London, February 8. South Africa's sale of 100,000 ounces of gold in eight weeks will not saturate the free market for gold. It is believed that a similar quantity has often been transacted from South Africa to the East in a single month.

Previous ideas of best obtainable price in dollars were about \$41 in South America and \$40 to China but far higher in the interior of China.

Twenty-two carat sheets, ranking as manufactured gold, are not formally under the International Monetary Fund's ban on gold bullion dealings.

Nevertheless, London and presumably South Africa are interestingly awaiting the Fund's reaction.

A few months ago, the Bank of England, at the Fund's instance, severely restricted London's previously big export business in 22 carat gold sheets.

Some are of the opinion that South Africa may have difficulty in machining sheets.

Gold bullion dealers are rather surprised by the news of the deal since they had not known that buyers had accepted the terms.—Reuter.

Washington, February 8. The current situation in Europe is vastly more encouraging than it was two years ago, Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, declared today. He claimed that the major cause of this is the European Recovery Programme.

"I believe that no one can fail to see the connection between the revival of the national life of a group of countries and the ability to protect the fruits of their labours," he said.

Mr. Acheson was testifying in support of a continuation of the European Recovery Programme before a joint session of the Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committees.

He did not mention either the North Atlantic Pact or the proposed United States military aid programme to Europe by name, but said: "It is for this reason and for the furtherance of the security of the United States that we are now considering how best we can assist furthering the sense of security in Europe."

He said: "There has been no advance in totalitarianism on the continent of Europe. The free community of Europe has not only held its own but it has during this period made great strides forward.

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BRITAIN TO TAKE LEAD IN APPROACH TO REDS

London, February 8. Britain, the United States and France have been in contact regarding their attitudes towards any Chinese government which may be formed by the Communists.

The three powers agreed to co-ordinate their policies with Britain taking the initiative in opening any Western relations with such a regime.

Mr. Acheson claimed that in every recent important election the people of Europe have vigorously reaffirmed their adherence to the principles of individual freedom and government based on constitutional restraints.

Detailing the definite advances made in Europe in the field of collective security, Mr. Acheson described the Brussels Pact as a striking manifestation of its resolve of the signatory countries to defend their independence and freedom against external aggression.

"This fact was warmly welcomed by this country as an important contribution to recovery and a heartening indication of returning strength and confidence to Western Europe.

"In both these purposes we are deeply interested."

The Secretary of State urged unity on those who want rapid unity in Europe.

"Progress towards political association will, if necessary, take time," he said.

Closer Union

Mr. Acheson claimed that there have, however, been significant steps towards the eventual development of a closer political union.

In this connection, he gave as instance the work of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and the creation of a Council of Europe as well as the Brussels Pact.

"Our role must be to encourage and support these efforts. The worst of all courses would be to relax our efforts and allow the momentum of achievement to diminish."

Mr. Acheson's optimistic statement was backed up by Mr. W. Averell Harriman, roving Ambassador to the Marshall Plan countries, who said: "We are winning this struggle for freedom and peace."

Mr. Harriman added that the success of the Marshall Plan in Western Europe is beginning to exert pressure on the Iron Curtain countries, as can be seen by Yugoslavia's break with Moscow.

In spite of the tragic events in Hungary today, the spread of tyranny has been arrested. What is needed above all else is continuity of policy, of a resolute and confident America."

—Reuter and United Press.

Stampede In Shanghai

Shanghai, February 9. Two small girls, aged six and eight, were killed in a stampede in front of the Whangpoo police station in the former French Concession yesterday as a result of a riot staged by some 3,000 Manchurian refugees who were trying to collect "relief" funds at the station.

The refugees comprised disabled army officers and men, Government employees, teachers and civilians who had travelled down to Shanghai following the Communist occupation of Mukden and other cities in Manchuria last year.

Yesterday's troubles started when some 100 former soldiers, forced at being kept waiting a considerable time, forced their way into the office of Captain Fung Wen-yeo, the officer-in-charge, and smashed furniture.—Reuter.

Free Cars For Ex-Servicemen

London, February 8. The Minister of Pensions, Mr. H. A. Marquand, was asked in the House of Commons today for details of plans to provide free motor-cars for certain disabled ex-Servicemen and women.

He stated that plans have been made to supply 1,000 small cars. Certain adaptations of standard models have been arranged to meet the needs of disabled persons.

So far, 23 cars have been delivered. Fifty cars are to be available for blind pensioners.

Reuter.

ICL TO MINT ISRAEL COINS

London, February 8. British Israel Industrial Chemicals Limited is to mint Israel's first coins—the shekel, worth about \$100 B.C.

The new coinage designs will be based on the ancient

RUSSIA PRODUCES ARMS REDUCTION SCHEME AT UN

Lake Success, February 8. The Soviet Union today presented to the Security Council new disarmament proposals dealing with atomic weapons and conventional armaments.

The Soviet Union asked the Council, as a practical measure, to instruct the Disarmament Commission to work out a plan of reduction in armaments and armed forces by one third in Britain, France, the United States, Russia and China, the reduction to be completed by March 1, 1950.

This plan itself should be ready

by June 1 this year.

The resolution says: "The Security Council notes the creation in recent times of a number of groupings of States headed by the progressive circles of certain powers which wish to implement their policy on other countries, creating to that end air and naval bases in all parts of the globe which will be of use to the defence needs of those countries."

Other proposals:

1. To instruct the Atomic Energy Commission to submit not later than June 1, 1949, a draft convention for the prohibition of atomic weapons and the control of atomic energy these conventions to enter into force simultaneously.

2. To set up within the framework of the Security Council an international organisation for the control of disarmament and atomic weapons.

3. To instruct the five permanent members of the Council to propose, not later than March 31, 1949, data on all kinds of forces, including atomic weapons.

4. Further 140 applications allowed to resign or retire were returned and the corresponding figures in 1948 were 66 and three.

A further 140 applications have been approved to take effect in the forthcoming months.

Replying to a supplementary question, Mr. Stewart said these figures are bound to cause concern but they should not be linked entirely with pay. The rules governing permission to resign or retire had been relaxed recently, and, in the years following the war, it is to be expected that these figures would go up.

A Conservative Member asked if the greater proportion of the officials who had resigned are married and that the percentage is so high because the local overseas allowance is so unfair to them.

Mr. Stewart could not accept that reason. There are several causes and one in the case of married men is the difficulty of married quarters.—Reuter.

JET BOMBER'S AMAZING FEAT

Washington, February 8. A six-jet Boeing bomber today established a trans-Continental speed record when it flew from Moses Lake, Washington, to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, in three hours 46 minutes.

The plane, weighing 60 tons, averaged 607.2 miles per hour for the 2,280-mile flight. A stratojet can carry 10 tons of bombs.

The plane left Moses Lake at 10:22 a.m. EST and arrived at Andrews Field at approximately 2:08 p.m. EST on what is described as a routine mission.—United Press.

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Answering Brigadier Low, Conservative, in the House of Commons today, Mr. Michael McDermott, 1st unchallenged London report that the three Government are discussing their attitude toward possible Communist Government in China.

Mr. McDermott replied: "I will not say, when asked, whether the report is true or false. However, he added that the three powers are in almost constant general discussion in China.—United Press.

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ENGINEERING PAGE

New Tube Extension

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One of the outstanding features of the modern stations along this line is the "daylight" illumination provided by fluorescent lamps in fittings specially designed to the specification of the London Transport Executive. Combining with the superb construction of each main station—speedy escalators, excellent ventilation, attractive appearance and spaciousness—the new lighting system helps to demonstrate to United Kingdom and overseas visitors alike the engineering skill which has gone into this outstanding postwar development.

The fluorescent lighting is shown to full advantage in the Bathgate Green, Gants Hill, Wanstead and Redbridge Stations, where fittings supplied by The British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd. are employed. The entrance to Gants Hill Station takes the form of an adequately yet not excessively illuminated subway, the lighting being sufficiently "warm" to create a comfortable atmosphere and of an intensity which permits comfortable vision. Occasional emergency fittings which are equipped with tungsten lamps provide a standard of comparison between old and new forms of lighting and emphasise the improvement which have been made.

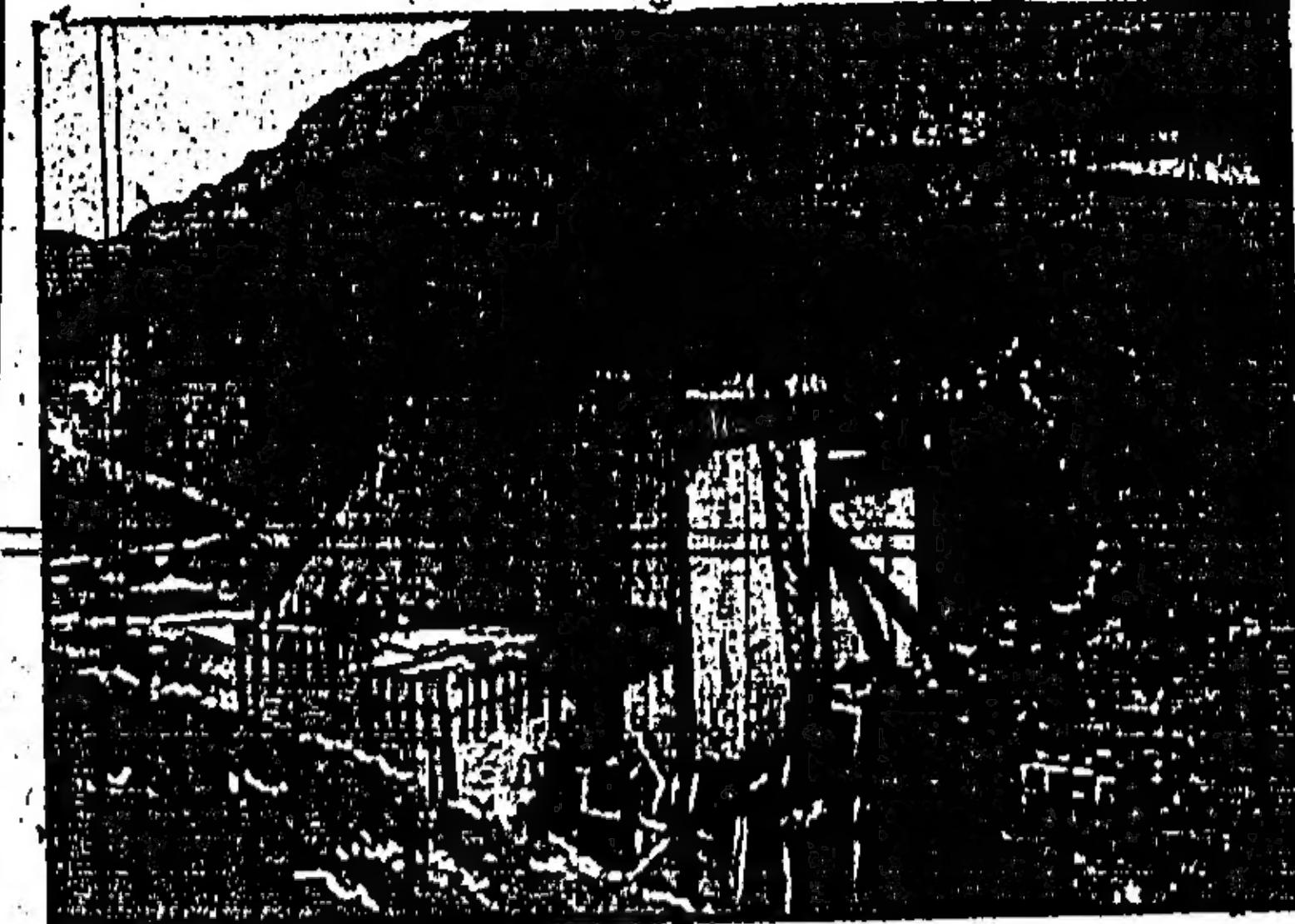
ENGINEERING EXHIBITION

The British Engineers' Association of 82 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, are holding an Engineering and Marine Exhibition at Olympia, from August 25 to September 10 this year.

Since 1924 when that Association was responsible for the Palace of Mechanical Engineering at the Wembley Exhibition, the British Engineers' Association has sponsored a biennial Engineering and Marine Exhibition.

Just as during last year, the specialised Machine Tool and Engineering Exhibition organised by their Member-Associations, the Machine Tool Trade Association was hailed as an outstanding success, so their own exhibition of wider interest goes on each alternate year, from strength to strength. For the EXHIBITION of 1949, the whole of the three Halls at Olympia, London, have been hired.

BRITAIN INCREASES HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER



As part of British Industry's vast programme of capital expansion, the North of Scotland Hydro-Electricity Board is doing everything in its power to complete the work now... progress on 12 of the 19 projects for which authority has been obtained. In Scotland 1,500,000,000 kw/hrs of electricity are already being generated annually, and it has been estimated that the water-power potential is 6,274,000,000 kw/hrs annually. Picture shows the growing dam of the Loch Sloy scheme in the mountains West of Loch Lomond. About 200,000 cubic yards of concrete will complete the dam, 1,200 feet long and 180 feet high, which will hold back 1,200 million cubic feet of water to power the four hydro-generators which will supply 130,000 kws. of electricity to the grid.

New Techniques In Coal-Burning

From the power plant of the British Electricity Authority at Burton-on-Trent, England, comes news of how the engineers there are managing to get the best out of a type of coal which was not at first suitable for use in a power plant. An output of 80,000 pounds an hour has been obtained from boilers which previously maintained only 55,000 pounds an hour with high carbon in ash loss. The boilers are Babcock and Wilcox, C.T.M. type, designed for a maximum continuous rating of 80,000 pounds per hour of steam at 375 pounds a square inch and 810 degrees Fahrenheit from feed at 190 degrees. They are equipped with Babcock and Wilcox style 28 compartment chain grate stokers, Deltrick front walls, Ballyside side walls and rear arches, superheaters, economisers and balanced draught.

The coal allocated was free-burning bituminous slack with eight per cent inherent moisture, four per cent free moisture, 32 per cent volatile matter, 13 per cent ash and 10.75% British thermal units a pound. In size, 35 per cent was below one eighth of an inch, including 33 per cent below one sixteenth of an inch. A steam output of 55,000 pounds an hour for each boiler was all that could be obtained; after 500 hours (the total boiler availability) the superheaters were completely fouled. There was a very high drift loss.

The coal was then subjected to a combined water and steam damping process. The fires improved at once, but it was difficult to obtain a continuous flow of coal on to the grates because of arching in the stoker hoppers. To overcome this a cross bar of

2½ inches diameter piping was fixed to the bottom end of each distributing chute, and to it were welded four splayed finger bars. These cross bars relieved direct pressure on the coal in the stoker hoppers, and the splayed fingers in travelling from side to side of the hoppers scoured the coal and kept it reasonably open. Water was sprayed on to the coal on entering the distribution chutes and saturated steam was introduced into the coal stream at a point about five feet from the bottom end of the chute. The amount of water added varies with the coal.

Boiler availability has been increased from 500 hours to 3,000 hours at normal rating, and 1,500 at maximum continuous rating. The heavy "bird's nest" or lumping of the coal, has been almost eliminated, and water jettisoning is sufficient to keep the boiler and superheater tubes clean. Normal output of 64,000 pounds an hour is maintained with ease, and maximum of 80,000 pounds an hour when required. The 1½ inch diameter isolating valves, orifice plates, armoured flexible hose, cross bars and scourer fittings cost no more than £25 for a boiler having twin distributing chutes.

NEW ALLOY FOR MAGNETS

A new permanent magnet alloy has been developed due to the work of the British Permanent Magnet Association in collaboration with the British Electrical and Allied Industries Research Association. The property in which the new magnet shows improvement is that of "coercivity" or resistance to demagnetization, and its chief application should be in electric motors and small generators. The new magnet alloy is a combination of iron, aluminium, nickel and cobalt. It also contains a rare element Niobium, a metal which occurs associated with tantalum in the rare mineral tantalum. Niobium received its name from Niobe, the daughter of Tantalus, son of Zeus, chief God of the ancient Greeks.

The new magnet alloy requires a new kind of heat treatment which includes keeping the magnet at a temperature of about 600°C. for a considerable time. By a new process, developed by the English physicist Professor D.A. Oliver, the new alloy is heated and then cooled, in a magnetic field. The field must be applied in the direction in which it is ultimately intended to magnetize the material. The result is that the alloy can be more easily magnetized in that direction. The alloy is so hard that it is almost impossible to forge, cut or drill it even before it has received the heat treatment and the usual method of manufacture is to cast the magnets as nearly as possible to shape and remove any rough parts, or reduce to exact dimensions by grinding. When small holes are required in the magnet, for instance, for fixing screws, the usual practice is to cast with a larger hole which can be filled with a soft alloy capable of being drilled.

New Precision Instruments

Instruments that measure to a degree of fineness of four parts in 1,000,000,000 will be included among several entirely new counting and measuring devices to be shown at the British Industries Fair this year.

Some of these instruments, on view in the scientific and optical section at Olympia, have been specially produced to meet the needs of atomic energy research. One firm is also expecting to show a portable rate meter, scintillation units and probes developed specially for the production of radioactive by-products of nuclear bombardment in atomic piles.

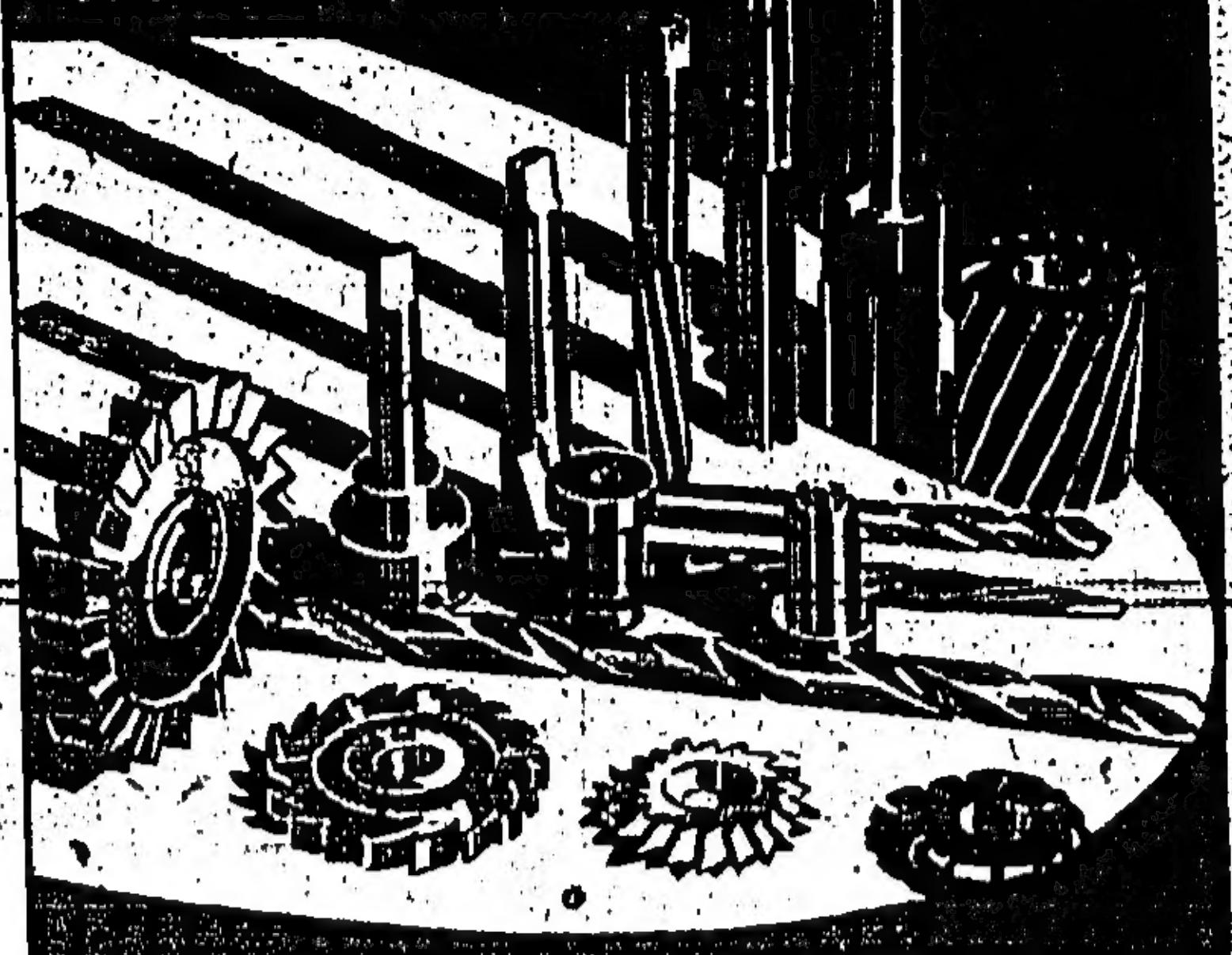
The scientific and optical section covers a wide field of British scientific craftsmanship. It exhibits also including cosmic ray recorders, a radar device that fits on the pilot's instrument panel in an aircraft and gives warning of other planes approaching in cloud or fog.

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WORLD'S CONDEMNATION OF SENTENCE ON MINDSZENTY

Advance Naval Base At Manus

Canberra, February 8. The Navy Minister, William J. F. Riordan, said today that Australia is establishing her advanced naval base at Manus Island instead of Dwyer for strategic reasons. Manus will be a fueling base for Australian and Allied ships and a warning centre for approaching enemy ships or aircraft. United Press.

TALKS ON PALESTINE ARMISTICE

Belrus, February 9. Constantine Stavropoulos, Dr. Buncle's delegate, who arrived here Monday evening, talked with the Premier and Foreign Minister for two hours.

Although there is a new black out, it is believed that Stavropoulos brought the information required by Syria and the Lebanon concerning their invitation to Rhodes as decided at their Bhamoun meeting.

Well-informed circles believe that the Lebanon insists on Jewish withdrawal from Lebanon territory before negotiating.

The results of the meeting were telephoned to the Syrian Premier, and Stavropoulos left for Damascus on Tuesday morning.

Lebanon has received cabled reports on the Arab states delegates meeting with the Egyptian Premier. It is believed that the conference reached no definite decision.—Associated Press.

London, February 8. The Minister of Supply, Mr. G. R. Strauss, said in the House of Commons today that the following countries had so far received British jet planes: Argentina, France, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Canada, India and Switzerland.—United Press.

Pontiff Deeply Grieved: Indignation In Britain

London, February 8. Pope Pius XII is "deeply grieved" by the life sentence passed on Josef, Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, it was reported from the Vatican today.

In London, the Foreign Office is urgently considering the verdict. Several Members of Parliament are to ask questions in the House of Commons.

Mr. William Gallacher, Communist Member of Parliament, predicts that the Cardinal will be freed shortly. Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, British prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, says the Budapest trial was "a travesty of the methods of justice."

Mr. William Teeing, Conservative, is to ask the President of the Board of Trade if he will consider breaking off trade negotiations with Hungary.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the Communist Party, commented that the trial "has undoubtedly established for all impartial opinion the accuracy of the charges and the justice of the sentence."

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, the playwright, said: "The question is very difficult one. If the verdict is to be regarded as purely anticlericalism, it is indefensible. But the notion that priests and scientists should be exempted from the common law is equally indefensible."

Dutch Abhorrence

The Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. D. U. Stikker, told the Second Chamber that his Government regards the Mindszenty case with "abhorrence," but can not only in accordance with present-day international custom.

If the Dutch Government takes any steps in the matter, foreign powers may wish to intervene in Dutch internal affairs, he added.

The Dutch non-Catholic press describes the trial as "well conducted." The Liberal Nieuwe

Rotterdamse Courant said: "The general trend was business-like but not unfriendly and one need not be a psychiatrist to see that the accused were in full possession of their faculties."

In Paris, Father Albert Gau, the popular Republican (Catholic) Deputy, who was refused permission to interview the Cardinal before the trial, told Reuters: "The verdict is an act of cowardice. They did not dare kill him."

Father Blaquet, a preacher at Notre Dame Cathedral, who was once a prisoner in a German concentration camp, said the trial and its conclusion will "revolt every human conscience."

Had To Go

In Vienna, political circles said the Hungarian Government has succeeded in its aim of proving to East European Catholics that the Vatican is neither infallible nor omnipotent.

In Brussels, a spokesman for Cardinal Van Rosy, Primate of Belgium, said Cardinal Mindszenty "had to disappear" because he opposed the undertakings of a regime of tyranny."

In Bonn, Dr. Adenauer, the Catholic President of the West German Constituent Assembly, said "the pressure of Western democratic public opinion" had probably saved the Cardinal's life.

Herr Helmut Renner, a Communist Assembly member, said that if the Church had been as willing to work loyally with new regimes in Eastern Europe as it had been to conclude treaties with Hitler, "there would have been no Mindszenty case."

In Berlin, a Christian Democratic Union statement condemned "the abominable Red Justice comedy."

High Catholic Church dignitaries went into a conference at the home of Cardinal Count Conrad Von Preysing, the Catholic Archbishop, immediately they heard of the verdict.

Cardinal Von Preysing is at present on holiday in Bavaria.

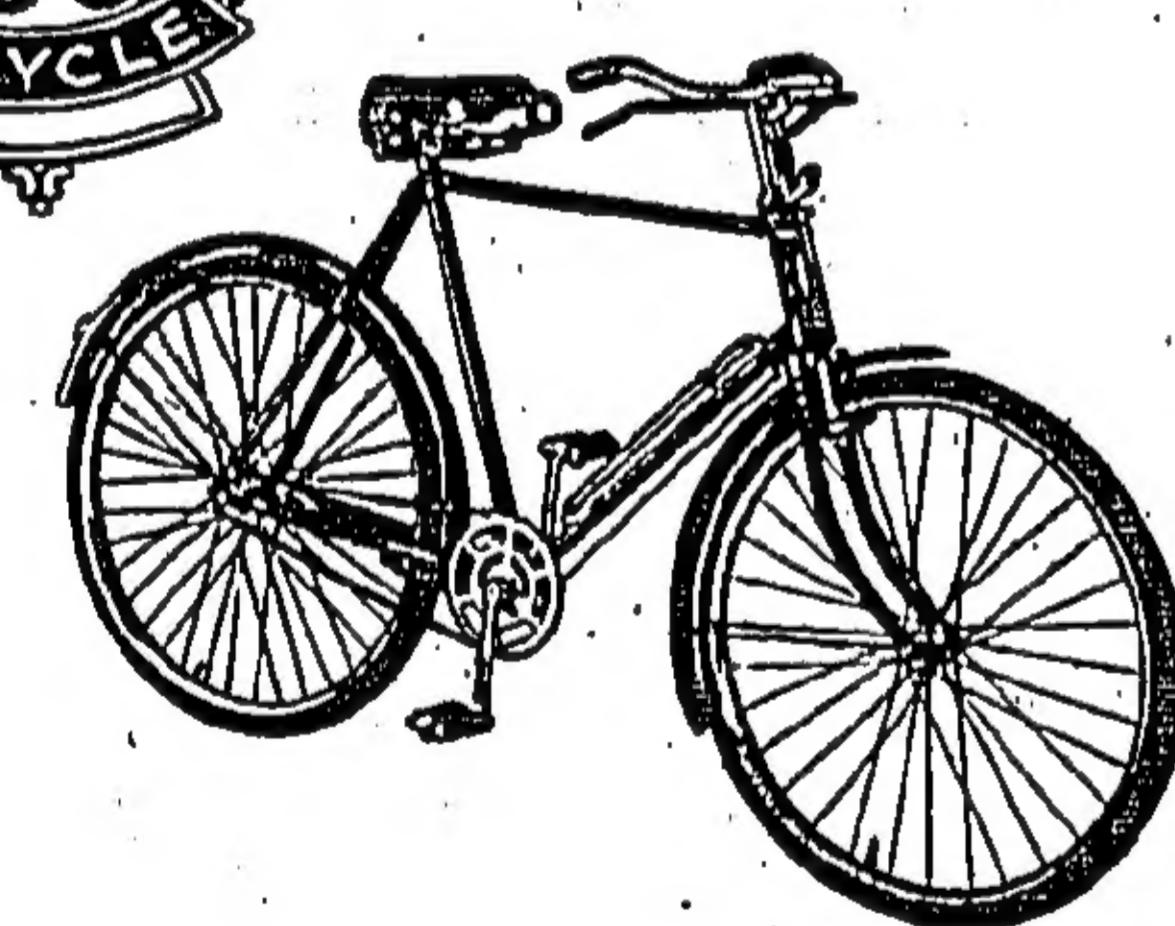
U.S. Reaction

Budapest evening newspapers giving the court's verdicts under huge headlines were on sale within an hour of the adjournment of the court.

Budapest Radio broadcast part of this morning's proceedings.

While American Church leaders reacted caustically to the trial and sentence, the State Department declined comment. It is expected that the first official American reaction will be expressed by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, at his weekly press conference tomorrow.

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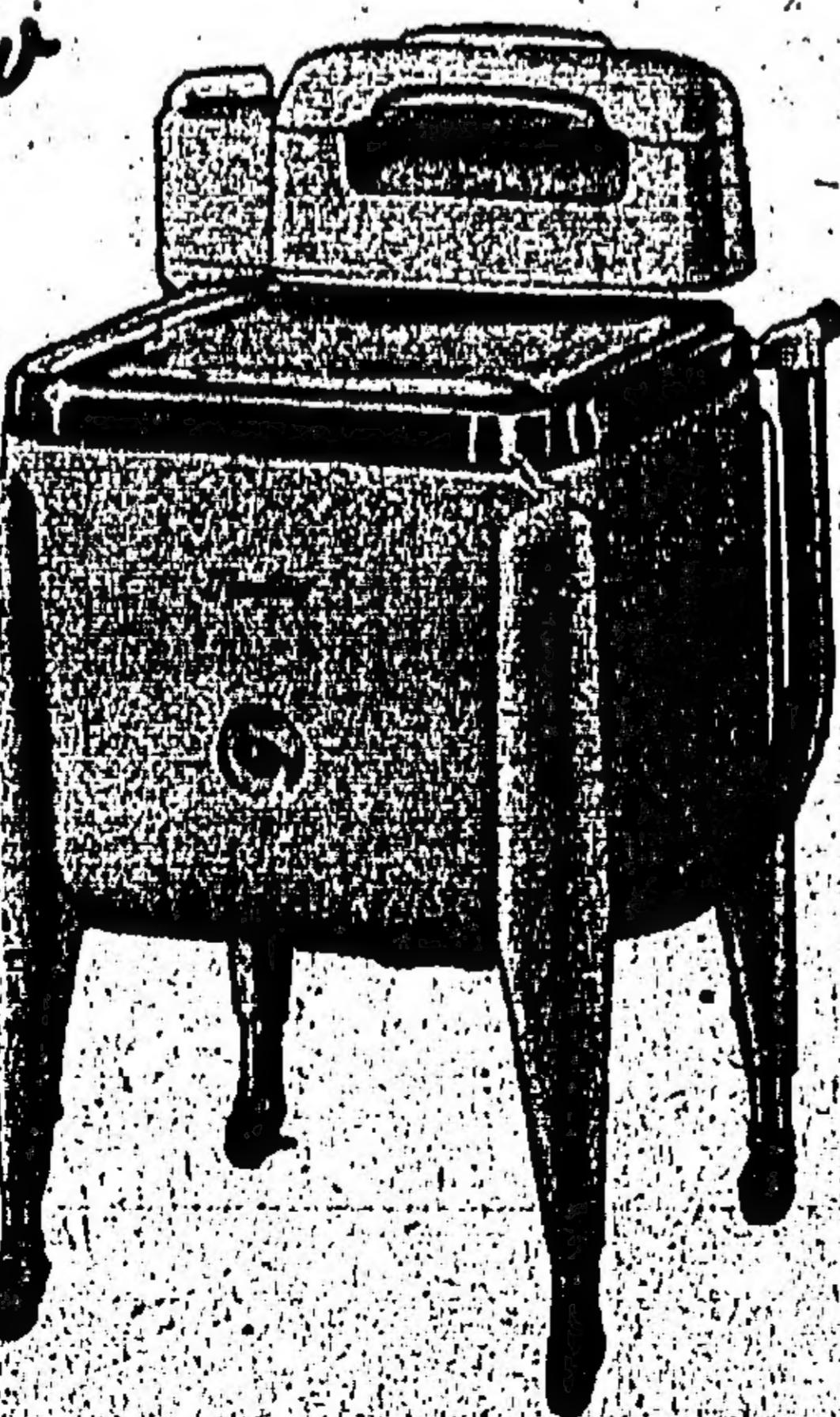


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CHURCH PROPERTY WON'T BE TOUCHED

Budapest, February 8. Church property owned by Cardinal Mindszenty as Archbishop of Esztergom and Primate of Hungary will not be touched by the State following his sentence to life imprisonment today. A spokesman of the Hungarian Ministry of Justice said this to Reuter.

Alleged To Have Spied Against West

Holidelberg, February 8. A German woman accused of spying for Czechoslovakia will be tried on February 14 in the first spy trial in Germany since the war, the U.S. Army announced.

Army headquarters identify the woman as Elfriede Zirlk, 33, a Sudeten German who lived in Czechoslovakia before the war. She is the first to be tried of 20 persons arrested on November 2 as members of a Czechoslovakia spy ring.

They will be tried by a Military Commission of 10 U.S. Army officers and two American civilians authorized to assess the death penalty.

Elfriede Zirlk, who is said to have used "Lillian" as her cover name in her alleged spying activities, is accused of reporting political and military information to Czechoslovakia, an official Army headquarters said.

The U.S. Army said that the agents were assigned to gather.

1. Military information about U.S. and British troops including the designation, location, strength and activities of troop units, activities and personnel of the U.S. counter-intelligence groups and official military documents.

2. Political information including the activities of refugee groups with Germany with special attention to individuals designated as "intelligence targets" who have sought political refuge in Germany.

3. Industrial information including the condition of harbours, reconstruction of certain industries and the volume and type of traffic on certain rivers.—Associated Press.

Minister's Denial

Budapest, February 8. The American Minister in Budapest, Mr. Selden Chaplin, this afternoon described the charges made against him during the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty as "nonsense and pure fantasy."

Mr. Chaplin told Reuters: "The verdict and proceedings are what could be expected. The implications concerning me in the court's final remarks, as well as the allegations during the proceedings, imply improper conduct on my part."

The allegations are nonsense and pure fantasy."

During the trial the court held that Mr. Chaplin had had illegal dealings with Cardinal Mindszenty; had known of, and engaged in, the Royalist plot of which Cardinal Mindszenty is said to have been the leader; and had been given information of an espionage nature by Cardinal Mindszenty.—Reuter.

New Motor Ships For Maersk Line

New York, February 9. The Maersk Line will add five new motor ships to its Far Eastern service this summer and autumn.

T. Host, President of the Moller Steamship Company, Incorporated, of New York, general agents for the Danish-owned line, said the first ship will begin operating in June. The others will go into service during following months at the rate of one a month.

They will ply between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Newport News, Virginia—via the Panama Canal—and such Pacific ports as the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Kobe and Yokohama, Japan.

U.S. West Coast ports of call will include Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Each ship will have a maximum speed of 18 knots and average 9,000 deadweight tons. They are specially designed for the Far Eastern trade routes. They will have such features as cooled deep tanks for carrying vegetable and other oils, strong

The vessels and their deadweight tonnages are: Peter Maersk, 9,775 tons; Olga Maersk, 9,800 tons; Arna Maersk, 9,855 tons; Jilda Maersk, 8,975 tons and Lexa Maersk, 8,975 tons.

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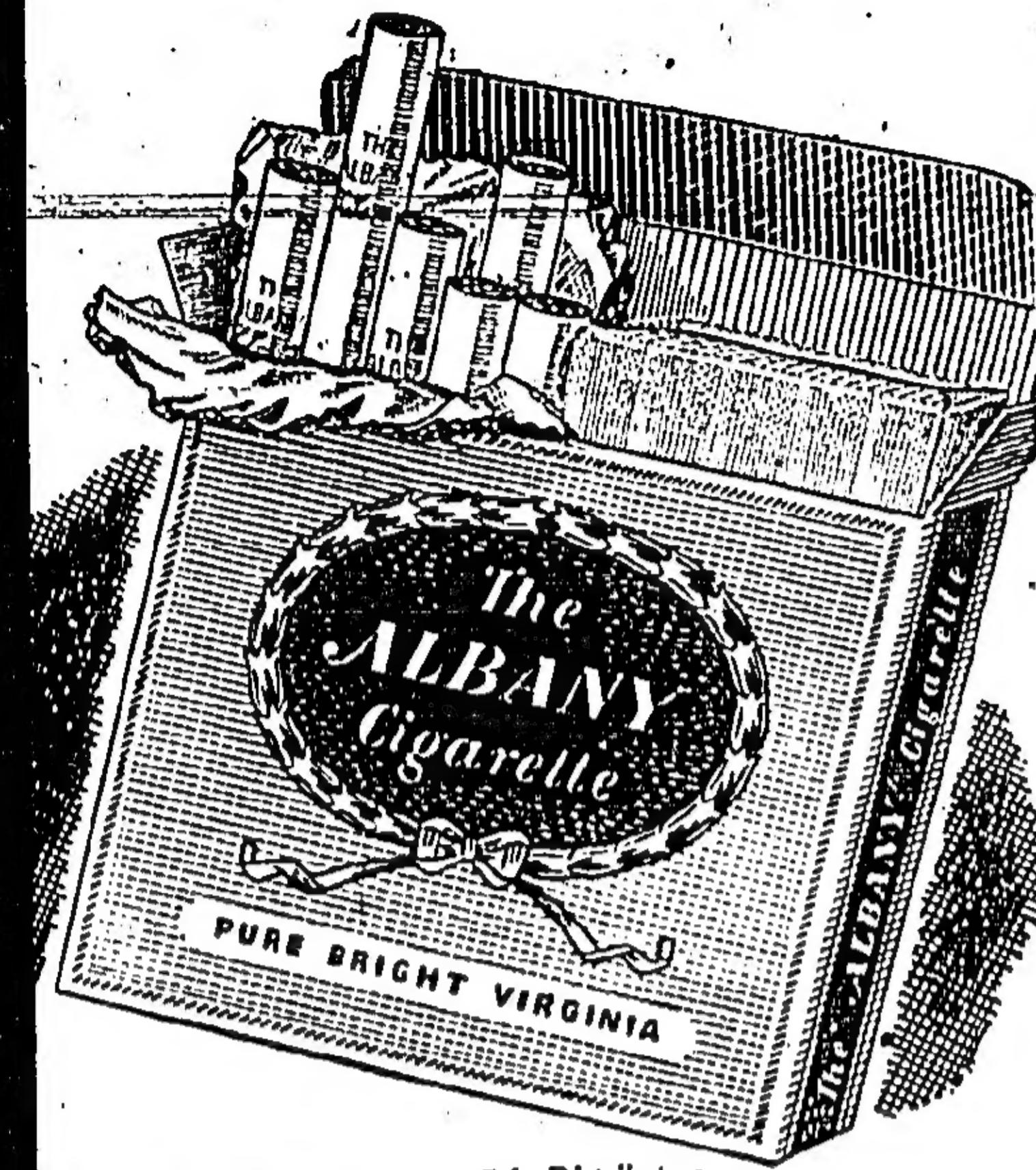
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Hundreds of thousands were quickly evacuated. These were included former citizens of the Baltic States—Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—which had been incorporated into the USSR. Thousands of the Balts we found in Western Germany were classified as stateless; they had fled because of a record of opposition to the seizure of their countries and could not return. They were relatively healthy, strong, and quite ready to work to improve their buildings and surroundings. Along with these were also Poles, Ukrainians, Romanians, Yugoslavs, and others.

As soon as the news spread about Eastern Europe that the Western Allies were treating displaced persons with consideration, additional zones began opening up to us by a number of subversives among individuals who preferred to die rather than return to their native lands. In some instances these may have been traitors who rightly feared the punishment they knew to be in store for them. But in many other cases they belonged to the oppressed classes and saw death as a far less terrifying thing than renewed persecution.

The Allies had, on the political level, worked out formulas for distinguishing between displaced persons who were to be returned to their own countries and those who were to be cared for by the occupying powers. These policies and agreements we first tried to apply without deviation, but we quickly saw that their rigid application would often violate the fundamental humanitarian principles we espoused. Thereafter we gave any individual who objected to return the benefit of doubt.

Of all these DP's the Jews were in the most deplorable condition. For years they had been beaten, starved, and tortured. Even food, clothes, and decent treatment could not immediately enable them to shake off their hopelessness and apathy. They huddled together—they seemingly derived a feeling of safety out of crowding together in a single room—and there passively awaited whatever might befall. To secure for them adequate shelter, to establish a system of food distribution and medical service, to any nothing of providing decent sanitary facilities, heat, and light was a most difficult task. They were, in many instances, no longer capable of helping themselves; everything had to be done for them.

In the months since, great improvements have gradually been made; but the problems are not yet solved. Of all the distressing memories that will forever live with American veterans of the war in Europe, none will be sharper or more enduring.

than those of the DPs and of the horror camps established by the Nazis.

The first business meeting of the Berlin Council was held on July 10. Chairmanship of the Council was to be rotated monthly and a fine spirit was initially noticeable. Differences of opinion developed but most of these involved details of procedure or method and in the prevailing co-

operative atmosphere none of them seemed to threaten great difficulty.

In early July we received word that the Potsdam Conference would soon convene. Again we had to prepare accommodations and protection for the reception of VIPs but in this instance my task was limited to that of relaying and caring for the American delegation only. I went to Antwerp to meet the cruiser on which President Truman and Secretary Byrnes came to Europe. There I had an opportunity to discuss with them a few points which I thought important.

First, I urged that civilian authority take over military government of our portion of Germany as the earliest possible date. I pointed out to the President and the Secretary that, while the Army would obviously have to stay in control until order was assured, the government of individuals in their normal daily lives was not a part of military responsibility. I felt that no matter how efficiently and devotedly the Army might apply itself to this task, misunderstandings would certainly arise. In the long run American concepts and traditions would be best served by the State Department's assuming over-all responsibility in Germany, using the American Army there merely as an adjunct and supporter of civil authority and policy. In principle both the President and the Secretary emphatically agreed with me and I was encouraged to believe that this development would come about within a period of a few months.

To Be Continued

New York, February 8.
A prominent writer on Asian affairs reports today that the "old guard" is almost as strong as ever in Japan and may make trouble when the Allied Occupation ends.

The warning comes from T. A. Bisson in "Prospects for Democracy in Japan," published under the auspices of the Institute of Pacific Affairs.

Bisson traces the American occupation up to and including the "new trend" outlined in the April, 1948, report by the Under-Secretary of the Army, William H. Draper, and others. The "Draper report" called for an economic pump-priming program aimed to restore Japanese industry and ease the occupation burden borne by U.S. taxpayers.

"It is yet too early to make full estimate of what American policy towards Japan will become as a result of this attempt to revise our original occupation policy in favour of an outright revival of the pre-war Japanese industrial set-up.

Foudal System

"Restoration of Japan's economic self-sufficiency under the conditions envisaged by the Draper Mission might possibly reduce the burden on the American taxpayer for a time.

"But there is good reason to believe that this plan would also serve to restore an unstable and potentially explosive Japan that eventually could be restrained only at a cost far greater than that which General Draper and his colleagues have so eloquently deplored."

"Other Far Eastern nations are also concerned and are asking whether the old Japanese leaders can safely be entrusted with the handling of an intensive drive designed to restore Japan to the position of the workshop of the Far East."

The Zaibatsu

"Japan's business leaders, successfully, fostered a situation under which no profits could be obtained from a foreign trade that they did not control, or in fact form any economic activity other than domestic black marketing."

"Instead of urging that SCAP cease to rely on the old regime and endeavour to develop a genuinely new and democratically minded leadership in both government and industry, the military-business interests represented by the Draper Mission took a very different view.

"Their proposed solution of the problem was to restore Japan to what was, in essence, her pre-World War II industrial status,

Drastic
Move In
Malaya

Singapore, February 9.
Thirty-five wealthy Chinese and Indians have been arrested in Malaya for paying protection money to Communist terrorists.

It has been widely known for many months that many wealthy persons have been paying large sums of money to the Communists under threat of death, kidnapping, and destruction of their property.

But this is the Government's first move to stop the practice.

The arrests took place at Johore Muar, Malacca. A Government statement said a number of leading citizens are among those arrested.

"The Government will not tolerate assistance and succouring of bandit organisations by payment to them of money for whatever purposes," the statement said.

The statement said: "All 35 arrested are property owners whose estates have been contributing protection money."

The statement added: "At least three have made frank admission to police of the sums paid on their behalf."—Associated Press.

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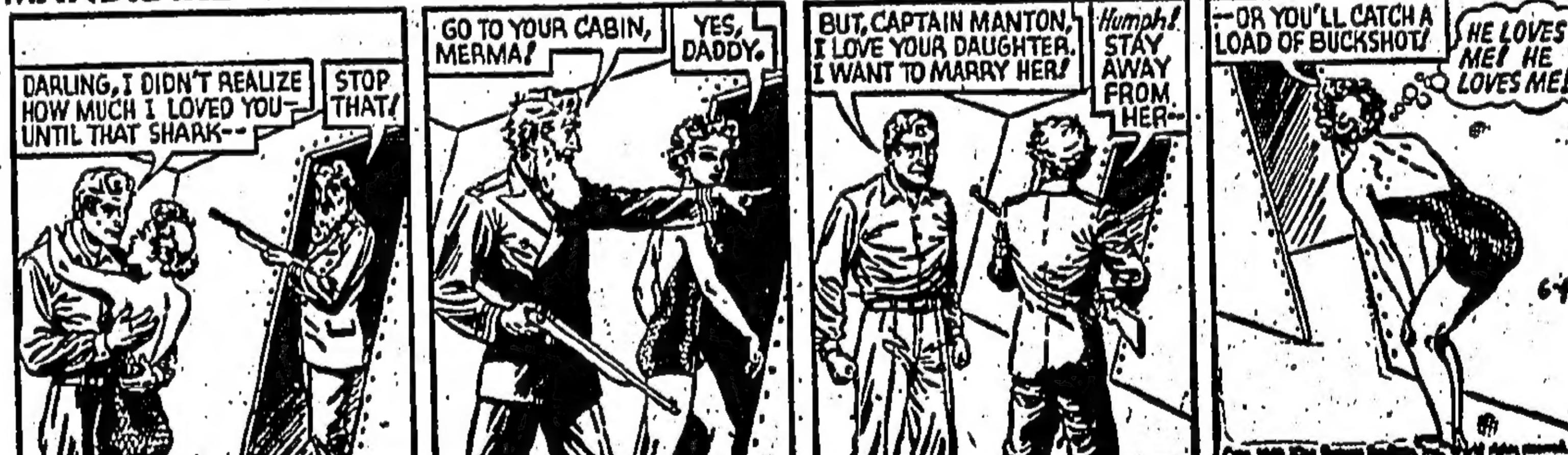
New York, February 8.
The German magazine "Neue Politik," published in Switzerland and devoted to reviving Nazism, is being sold openly at many newsstands throughout the United States Zone of Germany, according to Dr. Robert Marcus, Political Director of the World Jewish Congress.

In a letter to Brigadier-General Charles Saltman, Assistant Secretary of State in the Division of Occupied Areas, Dr. Marcus urges that the magazine be banned. He says the British authorities have already banned it.—Reuter.

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DOCKYARD BRUSHES CASE

The case involving receiving stolen paint brushes, the property of the Royal Naval Dockyard, was concluded yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central when after a successful submission by Mr. M. A. da Silva, the three defendants were discharged.

The defendants were Cheung Shul, aged 20, shopkeeper of the Tung Sol Paint Shop, charged with receiving 193 paint brushes, valued at \$700; Loung Hung, aged 40, Manager of the Shing Kee Printing Shop, charged with receiving 218 brushes valued at \$900; and Liu Ping-lau, aged 26, shopkeeper of the Leung Shun Hong Firm, charged with receiving 76 brushes valued at \$300.

Loung Hung said that he paid \$1.50 for each brush and did not know they were stolen. When the Police visited his shop, the brushes were inside a show case and could easily be seen. Some of the brushes had already been sold.

Liu Ping-lau said that he paid \$1.50 for each brush. He bought the brushes for his own use.

In his submission, Mr. Silva said that it was the duty of the prosecution to prove the guilt of his clients. They had not done so. "The evidence of my clients was unchallenged and I ask that they be discharged," concluded Mr. Silva.

Mr. Lo ordered the brushes to be handed back to the Naval Authority.

Mr. Michael Stewart, Financial Secretary to the War Office, replied: "I cannot accept the statement that little progress is being

"False Impression" Of Malaya Campaign

London, February 8. Lieutenant General A. E. Percival, General Officer Commanding in Malaya during the 1942 campaign, today said that Field Marshal Lord Wavell gave a wrong impression regarding high direction of the war against the Japanese.

Commenting on Colonel Spencer Chapman's book "The Jungle is Neutral," General Percival said: "It is a wonderful story but unfortunately some of his statements about higher direction of the war give a false impression, as also does the statement made by Lord Wavell in the foreword.

"I hope to publish my views on this matter in a few days."—United Press.

SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR MALAYA

London, February 8.

Consultation between the Secretaries of State for War and the Colonies with a view to granting a higher degree of self-government to Malaya was urged by Mr. Frederick Longdon, Labour M.P., in the House of Commons today.

Little progress, he said, is being made by the forces under the War Minister's control in Malaya. They have in fact had significant successes.

"British, Gurkhas and Malay units operating in most difficult circumstances and living in very trying conditions, have in the past six months carried out in the most praiseworthy manner a large number of difficult and arduous operations in aid of the civil power.

"It is not true that the population is more favourable to the bandits than to the Government.

"Much of the support of the bandits has come by extortion and intimidation.

"One the other hand, support for an orderly life and Government authority increases every day. The Government's policy in Malaya is to obtain by a steady and continuing process an ever-increasing measure of responsibility by the people."—Reuter.

Their Finest Hour

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I again emphasise the mortal quality of the hour, and express my opinion as above. Kindly inform me what you will do. Dill agrees. I must have answer by midnight in order to encourage the French. Telephone to Ismay at Embassy in Hindustan.

The reply came at about 11.30. The Cabinet said "Yes." I immediately told Ismay off with me in a car to M. Reynaud's flat. We found it more or less in darkness. After an interval M. Reynaud emerged from his bedroom in his dressing-gown and I told him the favourable news. Ten fighter squadrons! I then persuaded him to send for M. Daladier, who was duly summoned and brought to the flat to hear the decision of the British Cabinet. In this way I hoped to revive the spirits of our French friends, as much as our limited means allowed. Daladier never spoke a word. He rose slowly from his chair and wrung my hand.

I got back to the Embassy about 2 a.m., and slept well, through the cannon fire in petty aeroplane raids made one roll over from time to time. In the morning I flew home, reported to the Cabinet, and in spite of other preoccupations, pressed on with the construction of the second level of the new Government.

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Chui denied that he wanted to kill his wife. If he had wanted to do so, he would not have brought her to Hong Kong. He also denied a suggestion by Crown Counsel that he had stabbed himself after he had killed his wife in order to cover up his crime.

Closing addresses by the prosecution and defence will be made today.

COOLIES SENTENCED

Pleading not guilty last week to a charge of stealing 11 sacks of beans, four coolies employed in unloading beans at the Kennedy Town, Praya admitted their offence yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central.

The defendants were Wong Chung, aged 32, Wong Shing, aged 37, and Hui Sui, aged 32.

The prosecution's story was that a police patrol saw the defendants carrying some sacks. Defendants ran away but were arrested after a chase.

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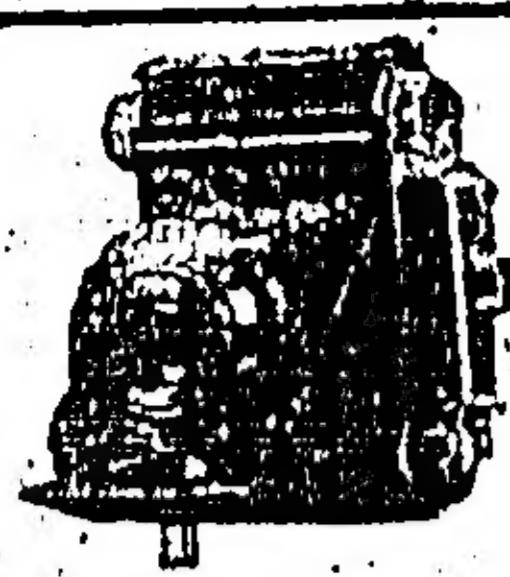
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India Just Misses Victory In Final Test Match

Bombay, February 8.

India failed by six runs to force a victory in the fifth and final Test against the West Indies here today, and the match ended in a draw.

The West Indies, winners of the only Test which ended in a definite result, take the series.

India, 90 for 3 overnight in their second innings, were set 271 today for victory, but the close of play came with the score 355 for eight—six runs short of their target.

In their first innings they had made 183 in reply to the West Indies 280, to which the tourists added a second innings total of 267.

R. S. Modi and V. Hazare, the overnight batsmen, gave India a good start today by adding 137 for the fourth wicket, put on in two and a half hours. The first of the pair to go was Modi, who made 80 in four hours and hit four fours.

In a tense atmosphere, with the West Indies bowling and fielding giving nothing away, India's score approached the total required for victory.

Hazard's Century.

Hazard reached his century and brought his score to 122 before he was bowled by Prior Jones.

India needed 72 in 60 minutes to win when they resumed after tea. The batsmen hit hard in an effort to increase the pace, but a widespread field reduced many likely boundaries to singles.

At the start of the last over of the day India needed 11 runs to win. A four and a single were gained, but there was no further score and India had lost her chance of squaring the Test series.

Britain To Help Burma

Rangoon, February 9.

Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, British Labour Member of Parliament, declared in a broadcast here last night that Britain would do her best to help Burma over her financial crisis with a loan.

Speaking over the Rangoon radio in his private capacity, Mr. Wyatt said: "We want to help you because we believe in you."

He reminded the Burmese that Britain too was "short of money and struggling for existence."

"Any loan we may be able to give you comes out of the sweat and strivings of the British working men and women, who do not get as much to eat as you do because we cannot afford it," he declared.

He urged the Burmese to "come to an understanding" with foreign capital, to enable them to control the country's economy. —Reuter.

DAVIS CUP DRAW

New York, February 8.

The draw was made today for the Davis Cup by Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General to the United Nations.

The draw:—European Zone: Byes into into second round—Hungary v Belgium; And—Switzerland v Greece.

First round:—France v Luxembourg; Israel v Denmark; Czechoslovakia v Monaco; Portugal v Britain; Egypt v Argentina; Ireland v Chile; Italy v Turkey; South Africa v The Netherlands.

Byes into second round: Australia v Yugoslavia and Sweden v Norway.

American Zone: Australia v Canada; Cuba v Mexico.

There was last-minute excitement as Mr. Trygve Lie was about to make the draw from, as in previous years, the trophy itself. A cable arrived from the British Lawn Tennis Association explaining that Egypt had entered by sending an air letter to the British authorities on January 8, well before the deadline of January 31, but it was not received in London.

The British authorities formally requested that Egypt, nevertheless, be entered in the European Zone. "If it is not too late," Egypt will be at home to Argentina in the first round.

The draw was made in a building on the site of what will be the new United Nations sky-scraper headquarters, and representatives of the United States, the holders, and other competing nations were present.

Mr. Lie said: "International sport is a thing which is in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations. It brings us ties between nations and between individuals, and it brings us understanding between nations."

The inter-zone final between the European and American winners will, if the competing nations so desire, take place on August 12, 13 and 14 in the United States.

The challenge round between the inter-zone winners and the United States, for the Cup, will take place at Forest Hills, New York, on August 20, 27 and 28. —Reuter.

HKDF RECRUITING

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Our Commandant is a man of many parts, professor, songwriter, soldier, composer, doctor and lyric writer. His scheme, known as the Rids Scheme, received the close examination of the experts both here and in London, and had their blessing. It is a scheme that is going to be watched with keen interest by every colony in the Empire.

"The Commandant is willing and will be glad to receive any suggestions provided they are helpful, with the idea of simplifying and not hindering. He will be holding a Press conference shortly when he will endeavour to answer any questions or remove any doubts in the minds of those of you. Our aim and object are to make the best use of our available loyal manpower and to ensure that we have square stakes in square holes and round stakes in round holes.

"In bidding you farewell tonight I find that words fail me in expressing my appreciation of the manner in which you have served Hong Kong. But though I now say goodbye, I look forward to meeting you again on March 1 in the Hong Kong Defence Force." (Repeated applause).

After the dinner, Sir Alexander Grantham conferred decorations on the following members of the Corps:

Captain J. S. Rodrigues, MBE, Efficiency Decoration.

Quartermaster J.G. Meyer, Efficiency Medal.

Sergeant A.J. MacFadyen, Efficiency Medal.

Corporal T.R. Ingram—Efficiency Medal.

Captain R.R. Davies—Mention in Despatches.

Lieutenant (now Captain) K. M.A. Barnett—Mention in Despatches.

The Seconds Division soccer match between Taikoo and Dockyard will now be played on the Navy Ground, Causeway Bay, on Sunday, February 13, at 2.30 p.m.

New Hotel Rates To Become Law

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This percentage of rooms in the hotel fixed by the Quartering Authority for accommodating local residents shall not be used for accommodating other guests without the consent of the Quartering Authority.

Hotel managements must submit, within seven days of the enforcement of the Ordnance, a statement giving details of the allocation of rooms. If the statement does not comply with the regulations, the Quartering Authority may request him to amend the allocation of the rooms.

If the management disagrees with the amendments the Quartering may make report to the Colonial Secretary who in turn shall refer this report to the arbitrators appointed by the Governor to determine the matter. The determination shall be final and conclusive for all purposes.

No charge shall be made to a Hong Kong resident for any service other than a service in respect of which a charge is prescribed by those regulations. A charge may be made for the service of meals elsewhere than in the appropriate public rooms and a charge may be made for the provision of air conditioning, or for the electricity used by an air conditioning apparatus.

The manager of every hotel and every person concerned in the management of such hotel shall supply or cause to be supplied the services normally supplied in such hotel on July 31, 1948, and shall furnish particulars of such services in writing to the Quartering Authority.

Food Charges

A Hong Kong resident shall be entitled to be provided according to a Residents' Menu with breakfast, lunch and dinner for a total weekly charge not exceeding \$38.50. Provided that such Hong Kong resident has agreed that such weekly charge may be added to the accommodation charge payable by him.

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OFFSIDE LAW CONTROVERSY

London, February 8.

A Scottish Football Association suggestion that the time has come when a change in the offside law will be welcomed, may develop into one of the biggest controversies in the history of Association football.

The present offside law, with its "stopper" centre-half, is considered by many to be responsible for the sub-standard football being played today.

The Scottish body hopes that an alteration in the rule will enable the centre-half to return to his normal attacking role, a move which, no doubt, will suit the majority of today's centre-forwards.

The suggestion is that the field of play be divided into three equal parts so that the offside area is cut from a half to a third. In the remaining third of the field the old offside rule, which is governed by three players instead of the present two, would apply.

The half way line would be abolished leaving only the centre circle. The idea is to give each attack two-thirds of the field free from offside and each defence the protection of the old offside law.

The restricted defence area would, it is hoped, prevent a recurrence of unnecessary exploitation of the offside trap which was responsible for the present rule being introduced in 1925.

Cullis' Opinion

Stanley Cullis, former international centre-half, who manages Wolverhampton, was perhaps the last of the attacking type of centre-half. He himself calls his style of play only "semi-attacking" and would like to see trial games under the new ruling in the near future.

"The centre half today is chosen for three virtues—height, heading and tackling. Clubs do not bother about his ability to attack," Cullis said.

The fact that the majority of present centre-halves are nothing but third backs is one argument against the new ruling. Very few, indeed, of the "stoppers" today could revert to the old

DUNDEE WINS

London, February 8.

Dundee defeated St. Mirren by two goals to one in a Scottish football cup second round replay.

Playing in the Hospitals' Cup final, Charing Cross Hospital beat St. George's Hospital by 8 points to nil in the Rugger Union. —Reuter.

FIFTH ROUND CUP TIES
Mrs. O'Keefe Again

Canberra, February 9.

Mr. Harold Holt (Australian Liberal Party) today condemned in the House of Representatives the proposed deportation of the Indonesian Mrs. Annie O'Keefe and her

eight Indonesian children.

Mrs. O'Keefe, who is married to an Australian, was recently ordered by the immigration authorities to leave Australia by February 28. Her husband has stated that he will go with his wife if she is deported.

Mr. Holt said that this case was the culminating episode in the long series of "harsh, rigid and bungling administrative acts" of Mr. Arthur Calwell, Australian Minister for Immigration, which far from defending the "white Australian policy" had done more to jeopardise the policy and inflame hatred against it.

Mr. Calwell replied that the attack was part of the Dutch plan to embarrass the Government because they sent representatives to the Asian conference at New Delhi. "It is significant that no protest of any sort have been made by any government in Asia about our requirement of their nationals to go back."

"All our troubles come from colonial Dutchmen and colonial Englishmen who write repeatedly about the Government," he added.

Intelligent forward play can always beat the third back defence and that is what is needed—more brainy forwards not rule changes, it is advocated. —Reuter.

AMERICANS WILL TRADE WITH COMMUNISTS

San Francisco, February 9.

West Coast exporters and importers stand ready to do business with a Communist regime in China, according to a United Press survey of business men in this traditional "Gateway to the Orient."

If the Communists choose to lower a "bamboo curtain" around China's economy, the United States stands to lose all or part of US\$400,000,000 of annual trade from its total of US\$2,000,000,000 yearly business with the entire Orient.

But traders and other businessmen do not believe, the cut out trade with the United Communists are planning to do business with the current "soft" attitude the Communists are taking toward foreigners in conquered North China cities.

Mr. Rene May, president of Getz Bros., a firm which has done business in China since 1931, said "The Chinese always have been traders. It is in their blood and they understand trade. No matter what change there is in their government, the individual Chinese won't change."

Period Of Readjustment

Mr. Brayton Wilbur, past president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, expressed a common view: "There is going to be a period of readjustment, but after that trade should go on. The big question is the extent of Russian influence over the Chinese Communists."

Most businessmen expressed no indecisive qualms about doing business with a Communist regime. Some even believed that the new government would stabilize China's currency and revitalise her transportation, providing a much-needed fillip for trade.

They were convinced that China must export certain commodities in order to import essentials such as petroleum and kerosene, and they believe the United States is the logical recipient of that trade.

One indication of the effect on employment along the West Coast, if a "bamboo curtain" is

erected, is the number of Chinese who are employed in the West Coast shipyards.

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Yeovil Faces Manchester

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This week-end sees the Fifth Round FA Cup ties down for decision. Any replays will be decided the following Saturday with extra time being played on each occasion if necessary.

Third Division clubs, both North and South Sections have a full league programme, except for New-

Dort and Hull who are both engaged in cups.

First and Second Division clubs are without fixtures and any are outstanding then opportunity will be read different, it was Portmouth

0-0 at Brighton 1. However I doubt whether Newport can do what is probably the hardestfeat in football these days—to win the Pompey's Fratton Park. The First Division Leaders should win this game.

Cardiff City did look set for honours this season but they suddenly fell back and returned to comparative obscurity in the middle of the Second Division. Despite their previous round performance at Aston Villa I doubt their ability to oust Derby County.

Two Second Division clubs are engaged at Luton. I give the home side to win over Leicester. Of the 16 clubs who are engaged, nine have yet to win the coveted trophy. Will there be a new name inscribed on the Cup for 1948-49?

Here are the fixtures and forecasts for Saturday February 12.

F.A. Cup